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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF POLITICAL DETAINEES

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1. THE NEPALI CONGRESS NEWSPAPER, RASHTRA PUKAR WEEKLY, IN ITS JANUARY 12, 1978 ISSUE REPORTS THAT TWO STUDENT LEADERS IN JANAKPUR WHO HAD BEEN ARRESTED UNDER THE PUBLIC SECURITY ACT IN 1976 HAVE BEEN RELEASED. AT A STUDENT MEETING TO CELEBRATE THE OCCASION, OTHER STUDENTS REPORTEDLY DEMANDED THE RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL DETAINEES IN PURSUANCE OF THE RECENT ASSURANCES OF PRIME MINISTER BISTA THAT ONLY PERSONS CHARGED WITH SPECIFIC CRIMINAL OFFENSES WOULD BE KEPT IN IAIL.

2. WE REPORT THIS BECAUSE IT TENDS TO CONFIRM OUR ASSESS-MENT REFTEL THAT PROBABLY FEWER THAN 12 PERSONS ARE NOW BEING DETAINED UNDER THE PUBLIC SECURITY ACT. RISHIKESH SHAHA TOLD US A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO THAT THREE PERSONS WERE BEING HELD IN JANAKPUR UNDER THE PUBLIC SECURITY ACT AND THE RELEASE OF THESE TWO STUDENT LEADERS SEEMS TO ACCOUNT FOR TWO OF THEM. HECK

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